



# *City of Granite City*

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## **MINUTES GRAPHIC REVIEW BOARD October 3, 2013**

Chairman, John Janek, called the meeting of the Graphic Review Board to order on Thursday, October 3, 2013, at 6:00 PM.

### **PLEDGE & COMMENTS**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Chair stated the purpose of the meeting is to address "Unfinished Business" with presentation of the final draft of the Sign Ordinance for review and passage. The final determination will be made by the City Council at their next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members present: John Janek, Sam Akeman and Andy Mathes. Excused absences were Sharon Ryan and Martha Burich. Also present were: Laura Andrews, Assistant City Attorney and Steve Willaredt, Planning & Zoning Administrator.

### **MINUTES & AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting (September 5, 2013) and this evening's Agenda was made by Sam Akeman and seconded by Andy Mathes. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **COUNCIL REPORT**

None.

### **REVIEW SIGN ORDINANCE**

The Chair called for questions or comments. Zoning Administrator, Steve Willaredt, stated there has been controversy with the existing Sign Ordinance and in particular the interpretation of language regarding Pole Signs. One section will indicate no pole signs are allowed (5.8) whereas others appear ambiguous: Section 3-4.2 Commercial Districts Zoned C-4 & C-5, Section 3-4.3 Commercial District Zoned C-6 and Section 3-4.4 Shopping Centers. The revised Ordinance will indicate only the Highway Districts will be allowed use of pole signs.

Since 2011, the trend has been to eliminate pole signs altogether. The revised draft breaks down that issue better than any other. The new codes authorize indemnity for the City, requiring Surety Bonds for removal of pole signs (as is seen in the Ordinance relating to telecommunication towers).

**Lastly, the revised draft includes illustrations, graphics and definitions. No further discussion.**

**MOTION by Andy Mathes and seconded by Sam Akeman to approve the revised draft of Sign Ordinance 4849. Roll Call vote. All ayes. Motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**None voiced.**

**MOTION to adjourn by Sam Akeman and seconded by Andy Mathes. Voice vote. All ayes.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
*Barbara Hawkins*  
Secretary,  
Graphic Review Board**

***GRAPHIC REVIEW BOARD ADVISORY REPORT***

**Date of Hearing October 3, 2013**

**PURPOSE:**           Reference: Unfinished Business.  
                          Final Review (revised draft) Sign  
                          Ordinance #4849 for passage.

**MOTION:**           A motion to approve the draft of Sign Ordinance #4849  
                          was made by Andy Mathes and seconded by Sam Akeman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>John Janek</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Sam Akeman</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Andy Mathes</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion carried by unanimous consent.**